The details of ongoing projects of Andhra Pradesh for external assistance are as under:—

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Funding Agency	Expected Loan Amount	Date of Singning/ Closing	Cumulative disbursement as on 31.10.2007
1.	Hussain Sagar Lake and Catchment Area Improvement Project	Japan Bank of International Cooperation	Yen 7729 million	31.3.2006/ 24.7.2016	Yen 72.39 million/ 2.48 crore

In addition, there is one project "Green Hyderabad Environment Programme" which was taken up with Dutch assistance but the Dutch Government withdrew their support from 31.3.2004. Since then, Government of India is assisting the project by providing Additional Central Assistance (ACA), details of which are as under:

Name of Project	Green Hyderabad Environment Programme
Terminal date	31.12.2006
Project assisted by Government of India	Since 1.4.2004
ACA released	Rs. 31.56 crore
ACA recommended for release to Department of Revenue, Government of India	Rs. 8.62 crore

The project authority has been advised to submit audited certificate from State Accountant General's office for further release of ACA and ACA will be released on actual basis since project period is over.

Andhra Pradesh Urban Reform and Municipal Services Project is pending for World Bank Board's approval due to non-repeal of Urban Land Ceiling Act by the State Government. The State Government has assured that the Urban Land Ceiling Act would be repealed by March, 2008. Water supply and sewerage projects for twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad and surrounding municipalities have not been posed for JBIC assistance which have, however, been included in Rolling Plan proposals. Outer Ring Road Project, Hyderabad was posed to Government of Japan for JBIC loan and JBIC has since appraised the project in November, 2007. The signing of loan agreement for the project is slated by 31st March, 2008.

Share of shipping industries in goods transportation

*320. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Shipping industries' share in transporting goods is declining day by day in spite of growth of import and export by 20 per cent;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that nearly 44 per cent of the existing vessels may be retrieved by 2021; and

(d) the steps that have been taken or proposed to be taken to improve the condition of shipping industry?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The share of goods transported in India's Exim trade by Indian Shipping Industry has declined from 31.5% during the year 1999-2000 to 13.7% during the year 2004-05.

(c) It is difficult to forcast presently how much percentage of tonnage would live through Indian flag all through the years upto 2021.

(d) The Government has been taking various steps from time to time for the growth of Indian tonnage. These include:

(i) The acquisition of vessels has been brought under Open General Licence. The Shipowners are free to decide on type of ships to be acquired and their area of operation etc.

(ii) 100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) is permitted in Shipping Sector.

(iii) Rate of depreciation increased from 20% to 25%.

(iv) Tonnage Tax has been introduced from 2004-05 whereby in the matter of taxation a level playing field has been given to Indian Shipping Industry *vis-a-vis* international shipping industries.

(v) The formalities of registration of newly acquired vessels have been simplified.

(vi) The maritime training, examination and certification system has been streamlined to meet the market demands.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Increase of power capacity by atomic energy

†1785. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on the basis of indigenously produced uranium and thorium, the generation of power can be increased up to 30,000 MW in the coming years in the country;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the power generation capacity can be enhanced upto 1,00,000 MW by bringing comprehensive changes in the present policy with regard to atomic energy in the country; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.